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FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE ANNOUNCES CHANGES IN MANAGEMENT

The Interior Department's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service today announced changes of assignment for a number of the agency's top managers. The changes affect the Service's fishery and wildlife resources, planning and budget, environment, and research programs and its regional office in Denver.

Galen Buterbaugh, 48, who has been associate director for fishery resources since 1979, has been named regional director of the Service's regional office in Denver. In this position, he will supervise Fish and Wildlife Service activities and offices in Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming.

A native of Walnut Grove, Minnesota, Buterbaugh holds a B.S. in fish and wildlife management from the University of Minnesota. He joined the Service in 1960 and has served at six national fish hatcheries and in several responsible positions in the fisheries program at the Portland regional office, the Minneapolis regional office, and in Washington, D.C.

The present regional director in Denver, Don W. Minnich, age 44, will come to Washington as deputy associate director - wildlife resources. In this position, he will oversee the Service's wildlife management activities, including migratory birds, law enforcement, depredation control, and aircraft management. Before assuming the job of regional director in December 1979, Minnich was the assistant director of the Colorado Department of Natural Resources. A native of Ardmore, Oklahoma, Minnich graduated from Colorado State University with a B.S. in biology and wildlife management.

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